

bill will effectively address local needs by fostering greater cooperation between law enforcement and mental health providers.

In addition, members of State and local law enforcement need access to training and other alternatives to improve safety and responsiveness. It reauthorizes the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment Program and maintains its authorized funding at \$50 million a year. The legislation also authorizes grants to States and local governments to train law enforcement personnel on procedures to identify and respond more appropriately to persons with mental illness, and develop specialized receiving centers to assess individuals in custody.

The broad support for this legislation includes the Council of State Governments, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the National Sheriffs Association, the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the Campaign for Mental Health Reform and Mental Health America. These organizations understand it will provide much needed assistance to help solve this complex problem. Courts, law enforcement, corrections and mental health communities have all come together in support of this legislation, and Congress is right to respond.

Individuals and their loved ones struggle with countless challenges and barriers during a mental health crisis. With this bill, Congress will be providing significant new support for needed cooperative efforts between law enforcement and mental health experts. I am pleased that the Senate supports this legislation, and I am optimistic it will be enacted before the end of this current session of Congress.●

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, at the outset, I wish to thank my distinguished colleague, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, for the committee's action in considering the judicial nominees and for moving ahead with their confirmations today. Senator LEAHY is used to being generous and statesmanlike, but to confirm all these judges at this time, on September 26, considering the background of the controversies in the Senate, is an act of statesmanship. If they wrote a book "Profiles in Statesmanship," as well as the book "Profiles in Courage," Senator LEAHY would be at the top of the list.

There has been a lot of controversy during the last 2 years of the administration regarding judges. Both Republicans and Democrats have been at fault in the last 2 years of President Reagan's administration, the last 2 years of President George H. W. Bush, the last 2 years of President Clinton,

and beyond President Clinton. As I have said on the floor on a number of occasions, I have crossed party lines to support President Clinton's judges because I thought they were inappropriately bottled up. There is controversy now and we have moved ahead. Senator LEAHY has been the leader, the chairman of the committee, to get the job done.

There are three Pennsylvanians in the group of judges that we are confirming today: C. Darnell Jones, II, president judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas; Mitchell Goldberg, judge on the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas; and Joel Slomsky, a distinguished practitioner. Three very distinguished nominees.

I see the Senator from Colorado is on the floor, and there are two Colorado judges, as well as other judges, that were confirmed. I thank the chairman for his action taken today.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, if the Senator will yield, one, I appreciate his kind words. He and I have been friends from our days when we first met as prosecutors in our jurisdictions. So I appreciate that.

I also appreciate the fact that he has said privately what he has said publicly in thanking me. The Senators from Colorado, the Senators from Florida, and the Senators from Virginia have also joined with the Senators from Pennsylvania in thanking me for moving these nominations. I am sure when the RECORD is read that Senators from the other States will be aware of what we have done. But I do appreciate that. His words mean a great deal to me.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, a few more concluding comments. I was glad to yield to my distinguished colleague, the chairman of the committee.

I also wish to comment briefly about the intellectual property enforcement bill, which is the Leahy-Specter bill. I am glad to see that has cleared and that the holds have been taken off, and I thank Senator COBURN for taking the hold off, after very extensive discussions, which I know the chairman has had and I have had. This is a very important bill for the intellectual property community to provide enforcement and to provide teeth so intellectual property is respected, giving additional powers to the Department of Justice to see to it that the infringement of intellectual property is acted upon swiftly.

I see a number of my colleagues waiting to speak, so I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

NOMINATIONS OF CHRISTINE ARGUELLO AND PHILIP BRIMMER

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I rise, first and foremost, to thank the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator PATRICK LEAHY, for his statesmanship and his hard work and leadership on the Judiciary Committee, as on so many issues. The ten judges that have just been confirmed show the kind of

statesmanship he brings to this body, and I am very proud to be able to work with him and proud to be able to work with the distinguished ranking member as well.

I wish to make a brief comment regarding two of the judges who were confirmed a moment ago, and they would be Christine Arguello and Philip Brimmer from Colorado.

Christine Arguello is a person who was nominated by President Clinton, now over 10 years ago, to the district court, as well as the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is truly an American dream. She was born and raised in very humble circumstances. There was a poignant time where, because her father worked on the railroad, she actually lived in a boxcar. Yet, over time, she became a very successful student and ended up at Harvard Law School. She went on to have a very distinguished career both in the private sector and the public sector and served as my chief deputy attorney general during the time I served as the attorney general for the State of Colorado.

She is a tenured law professor. She knows the law well, and she will make the State of Colorado and the United States of America very proud with her service on the bench of the U.S. District Court for the State of Colorado. So I congratulate her, and I thank Senator LEAHY and Senator SPECTER for their leadership in moving that through the house.

I wish to congratulate Phil Brimmer, who will join Christine Arguello in the U.S. District Court. He comes from a family of distinguished jurists, and he has a distinguished academic career and now over 7 years of leadership experience within the U.S. Attorney's Office in Colorado, where he has been in charge of the special prosecutions unit. He is a lawyer's lawyer. Both Christine Arguello and Phil Brimmer will move the hands of justice forward in a way we can all be very proud of for the State of Colorado.

I see there are two of my colleagues on the floor, Senator BINGAMAN and Senator MIKULSKI. I think they are waiting to speak.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

TRIBUTE TO SENATORS

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I want to take just a few minutes to speak about our colleagues who have announced their plans to retire at the conclusion of this 110th Congress. We obviously will miss them. There are five individuals about whom I wanted to say a brief word: Senators ALLARD, HAGEL, CRAIG, WARNER, and DOMENICI. They have all brought their intelligence, principles, and perspectives on the issues confronting our Nation. The Nation is better for their efforts.

Senators ALLARD and HAGEL both came to the Senate in 1996.

WAYNE ALLARD

Senator ALLARD had a long career in public service before coming to the Senate. He managed to serve the State of Colorado while never giving up his credentials as an expert veterinarian in that State, reaffirming the long-held belief that he and all of us have had that a legislative body should be composed of individuals with training other than that which they acquire here in the Halls of Congress. His straightforward approach has been a hallmark of his work here.

Living a principle that he espouses, he is fulfilling his often-stated intention to limit himself to two terms. He and his wife Joan will certainly be missed here in the Senate.

CHUCK HAGEL

CHUCK HAGEL of Nebraska forged a very successful career in business and broadcasting, civic organizations and government, but first he served our country as a sergeant in Vietnam. It was an honor to work with him on the Vietnam Memorial visitors center legislation. He has championed that cause, knowing firsthand how much it means to have lived through the experience of that war. He has a wide knowledge of the world, and he has informed his thoughtful and well-considered positions on foreign policy and arms control and national security issues with that knowledge.

He can always be counted on for a straightforward approach and an honest statement of his views.

LARRY CRAIG

My longtime colleague on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Senator CRAIG, has been a valuable voice for Idaho for decades. He served in his State's legislature for 6 years before coming to the House of Representatives 28 years ago, where he served for 10 years.

In 1990, he was elected to the Senate. We worked very closely on issues important to energy and natural resources throughout the West. He has been a leader in many national policy areas, including aging and opening trade to Cuba.

I have appreciated his contributions, particularly in our Energy and Natural Resources Committee, where his opinions have always been clearly expressed and his best efforts are made to represent his State and the Nation.

JOHN WARNER

With the exception of Harry Byrd, JOHN WARNER has represented Virginia in the Senate longer than any other Senator in its history. He has done so with great enthusiasm, skill, hard work, and style. To many people, JOHN WARNER embodies what a Senator should be. He knows the world, he knows this country, and he knows, of course, his beloved State. He is an outstanding citizen of each of those.

He is a patriot in the old-fashioned and in the deep-hearted sense of that word. He has demonstrated his love of country through years of service both

in uniform and out of uniform. The miles he has traveled to all corners of the world to see our forces in action and the hours—innumerable hours—he spent hearing committee testimony, he has absorbed. That has equipped him to really be an expert in this body on military issues. His leadership will be missed on those issues and other issues as well here.

PETE DOMENICI

The most senior Senator retiring this year, of course, is my colleague and friend Senator PETE DOMENICI. He is not only the most senior Senator retiring this year from the Senate, he is also the most senior Senator New Mexico has ever had. When PETE leaves the Senate this year, it will be after 36 years of unstinting work doing his best for his country and for our State of New Mexico.

He will be the first to say that his success and longevity here could not have been possible without two important elements: his family and his staff. The love and support of his wife Nancy have been invaluable. Also, from the first, he has had a fine staff. It was true when he came to Washington and it is certainly true today, here and in New Mexico. They are skilled individuals who make it their business to be helpful to the people of our State.

Senator DOMENICI's contributions are well known to all of us. His work on the Budget Committee and the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Appropriations Committee over the years has made a lasting impact on national policy. As a member of the Budget Committee, from the day he was sworn in, he was either the chairman or ranking member of that committee for 12 years of his 36 years on the committee.

One of the things in which he takes great pride is helping to get us to a balanced Federal budget twice. We can all appreciate how difficult that kind of undertaking is.

Senator DOMENICI and I, of course, served on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee together. The Senate Historian has told us that as far as his office can tell, it is the only instance in the history of the Senate where Senators from the same State served as chairman and ranking member of the same committee at the same time. Obviously, I will miss that arrangement.

New Mexicans, including me, have great affection and respect for PETE DOMENICI. "People for Pete" is the motto PETE has used in each of his campaigns for many years. It is not just a famous campaign phrase in our State—although it is seen on bumper stickers all over our State whenever a campaign is underway involving PETE—but it is a bit of a twist on what his career has been all about; that is: PETE for the people of New Mexico. That has been his commitment. He has carried through in great form.

We will miss his service to the State of New Mexico here in the Senate.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado is recognized.

SENATE JUDICIAL CONFIRMATIONS IN COLORADO

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to thank the chairman of the Judiciary Committee for working with Senator SALAZAR and myself in getting two individuals finally confirmed by the Senate; that is, Phillip Brimmer and Christine Arguello to the District Court of Colorado. I know it was not an easy task that the chairman of the Judiciary Committee had before him. I know he had to buck some of the persistent rules of his committee, he had to buck a very tight timeline at the end and had to deal with some misunderstandings that further delayed their confirmation.

I respect him highly for his good work as chairman of the Judiciary Committee. I respect him for the fact that he was able to keep his commitment to both myself and Senator SALAZAR on these two individuals. Senator SALAZAR and I worked hard to work out an agreement where we could fill at least two of the vacancies of the three existing vacancies on the District Court of Colorado.

I also compliment my good friend and colleague Senator SALAZAR for being willing to work with me to meet the needs of this district court. When you have three vacancies on a district court, they are reaching the status of what we call emergency status. That means there is considerable more workload there because of the vacancies, and as a result of that it begins to impede their ability to deal with the cases that might come before that district court.

I also state for the record that this is a court that deals with a very heavy workload and probably should have an additional seat on the bench there in this district court because of the heavy workload we have in the Colorado District Court.

PHILIP BRIMMER

I would like to take a moment to talk about the two fine individuals on whom Senator SALAZAR and I ended up agreeing—first of all, in regard to Mr. Brimmer.

Mr. Brimmer is an outstanding lawyer. He is a graduate of Harvard and Yale Law School, institutions that provided him with tremendous analytical tools and an arsenal of knowledge which have served him well in his career.

Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Brimmer spent 2 years clerking for the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. Thereafter, he joined a Denver law firm, where he spent 7 years in private practice before making a decision to devote his career to public service. This decision led Mr. Brimmer to the Denver District Attorney's Office, serving first as a deputy district